MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): I claim notice.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Then what does the member mean by the statement "..... ...the volume of imports from Native States other than Cochin is not large enough to justify such a discrimination....."

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): I have not made a calculation of the amount.

MR K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether there are any statistics collected in the matter?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Yes.

Appointment of Chirayinkil Tahsildar.

12. *MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Mr. Periera was appointed to succeed Mr. Padmanabha Aiyar as Tahsildar in the Chirayinkil taluk recently; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether that order has been carried out?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know who succeeded Mr. Padmanabha Aiyar as Tahsildar, Chirayinkil taluk?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Mr. K. G. Narayana Pillai.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether there is a rule that no non-caste Hindu or non-Hindu can be Tahsildar of Chirayinkil taluk?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That has been the practice.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Am I to understand then that no non-Hindu or non-caste Hindu has ever been posted as Tahsildar, Chirayinkil taluk?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Not to my knowledge.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know the reasons for that?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Tahsildar has certain functions to perform in connection with the ceremony called "Ariyittu Vazcha" in Attingal and it has been the custom to post a caste-Hindu Tahsildar at Attingal in order that he may perform those functions.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Is that not a function to be performed by the Purohit?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There are certain functions to be performed by the Tahsildar of Attingal in connection with the ceremony. I do not say that the Tahsildar has to perform the duties discharged by the Purohit.

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MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether those functions are directly connected with the actual ceremony itself?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They are connected with the ceremony.

Grant to the Kera Karshaka Sanghom.

13. *MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have given a grant or donation to the Kera Karshaka Sanghom?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, for the work it is carrying on within the State to help the cocoanut industry.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know the amount given as donation to the Kera Karshaka Sanghom?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Rs. 1,000.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know why that amount was given?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): For the good work done by the Sanghom.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): What is the nature of the work?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Improvements to the cocoanut industry.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether Government consider that as an important work?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): In view of the Sanghom's important work, do the Government think that Rs. 1,000 is a sufficient grant?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government consider that as a sufficient grant

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Was there any deputation to the Viceroy from among the members of the Sanghom?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): There might have been.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Have the Government stated that the Sanghom should spend this amount for propaganda work in connection with the improvement of the cocoanut industry?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know the reasons for that?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Because it was intended to be utilised for the improvement of cocoanut industry within the State.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Is it the opinion of the Government that the amount should be spent for work done by the Sanghom alone?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It was the intention of Government that the amount should not be utilised for any purpose other than that mentioned by Government.

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